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## **BELIZE ELECTRICITY LIMITED**

### **EU RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT**

**IMPROVED ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR UNSERVED VILLAGES AND  
HOUSEHOLDS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND BEL**

#### **SUPPLY CONTRACT NOTICE**

#### **SUPPLY OF POWER TRANSFORMERS TO STEP UP VOLTAGE OF MINI GRID SYSTEMS TO ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS**

**Location - Belize**

**1. Reference**

IEIUVH/BEL/PT/SUP-002/2026

**2. Procedure**

National Open Procedure

**3. Programme title**

Grant Contract 431-498: Improved Energy Infrastructure for Unserved Villages and Households on Behalf of the Government and BEL

**4. Financing**

Financing Agreement: Belize Sustainable Energy Roadmap 039-231/Grant 431-498/2022

**5. Contracting authority**

Belize Electricity Limited,  
2 ½ Miles Phillip Goldson Highway,  
Belize City, Belize  
EUMiniGrids@bel.com.bz

<https://www.bel.com.bz/EuropeanUnionRuralElectrificationProject.aspx>

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#### **CONTRACT SPECIFICATION**

**6. Nature of contract**

Unit Price.

## 7. Contract description

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), in collaboration with the Government of Belize, is expanding access to electricity by electrifying unserved villages across the country. As part of this initiative, BEL is seeking power transformers to enable the integration of Mini grid systems with the national electrical distribution network.

The targeted villages for this phase of the project include San Vicente, Jalacte, and San Benito Poite in the Toledo District. These efforts aim to provide reliable electricity to an estimated 357 customers, benefiting approximately 1,300 residents across the three communities.

The project will support households, retail enterprises, productive industries such as agro-processing, and essential public services, including healthcare facilities, schools, water systems, telecommunications, and administrative offices. By supplying power transformers to step up the voltage of Mini grid systems, the initiative will ensure efficient and sustainable electricity delivery, empowering these communities with critical infrastructure for development.

## 8. Number and titles of lots

Lots	Item Categories	Item Description
<b>One Lot only</b>	Step-Up Transformers	A step-up transformer is an electrical device designed to increase the voltage of an alternating current (AC) while reducing the current proportionally to maintain power balance. It operates on the principle of electromagnetic induction and is a critical component in power distribution systems.

## 9. Maximum budget

Maximum budget of this call for tenders will not be disclosed.

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## CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

### 10. Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin

The legal basis of this procedure is Annex IV to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 as amended in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005 and in Ouagadougou on 22 June 2010. Reference is made to Annex IV as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers of 20 June 2014.

**Considering the derogation to the rules of nationality and origin, granted by the European Commission for this tender:**

- a) **Participation in tendering is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium – of candidates/tenderers) regardless of their nationality. Participation is also open to international organisations.**
- b) **Goods to be supplied under this call for tenders can originate from any country.**

#### **11. Number of tenders**

No more than one tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting a tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one tender, all tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

No restrictions may be made in the number of lots a tenderer can be awarded.

The tenderer may submit a tender for one lot only, several lots or all of the lots, but only one tender per lot. Contracts will be awarded lot by lot and each lot will form a separate contract.

Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one lot.

#### **12. Grounds for exclusion**

As part of the tender, tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1. of the practical guide.

Tenderer included in the lists of EU restrictive measures (see Section 2.4. of the PRAG) at the moment of the award decision cannot be awarded the contract.

#### **13. Sub-contracting**

Subcontracting is allowed.

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### **PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

#### **14. Provisional commencement date of the contract**

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

#### **15. Implementation period of the tasks**

90 days from contract signature.

## SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

### 16. Selection criteria

#### Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links it has with them. If the economic operator relies on other entities, it must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality as the economic operator relying on them and must comply with the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. **Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in a separate document.** Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the tasks for which these capacities are required.

With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the economic operator relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

The following selection criteria will be applied to the tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole if not specified otherwise. The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

#### **1) Economic and financial capacity of the tenderer (based on item 3 of the tender form).**

##### **Economic and financial criteria for legal and natural persons**

a) The average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed the following amounts:

Minimum average annual turnover* (USD)	USD \$ 100,000.00
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\* The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three financial years for which accounts have been closed.

b) Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.

#### **2) Professional capacity of the tenderer (based on items 4 of the tender form).**

**Professional criteria for legal and natural persons\*:**

- at least two staff members currently work for the tenderer in fields related to this contract.

\* The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

3) **Technical capacity of tenderer** (based on items 5 and 6 of the tender form).

**Technical criterion for legal and natural persons\*:**

- the tenderer has supplied and delivered supplies to Belize (or to any adjacent country) under at least one contract, each with a budget of at least the same of the lot/s for which it will submit a tender .

\* The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

This means that the contract the tenderer refers to could have been started at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Tenderers are allowed to refer either to supply contracts completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to supply contracts not yet completed. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of payment) also detailing its value. If a tenderer has implemented the supply contract in a consortium, the percentage that the tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence, together with a description of the nature of the supplies provided if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used.

Previous experience which would have led to breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority shall not be used as reference. This is also applicable concerning the previous experience of experts required under a fee-based service contract.

**17. Award criteria**

The best price-delivery ratio which is a combination of price and delivery time of the technically compliant bids.

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**TENDERING**

**18. Deadline for submission of tenders**

The deadline for submission of tenders is March 19, 2026.

**19. Tender format and details to be provided**

Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form.

The tender must be accompanied by a declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria using the template provided by the Contracting Authority, from the Supply tender dossier template, and available from the following Internet address:

<https://www.bel.com.bz/EuropeanUnionRuralElectrificationProject.aspx>

Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with a tender will not be taken into consideration.

## **20. How tenders may be submitted**

Tenders must be submitted in English exclusively to the contracting authority, using the means specified in point 10 of the instructions to tenderers.

Tenders submitted by any other means will not be considered.

By submitting a tender, tenderers accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means.

## **21. Alteration or withdrawal of tenders**

Tenderers may alter or withdraw their tenders by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of tenders. No tender may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with point 15 of the instructions to tenderers.

## **22. Operational language**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

## **23. Additional information**

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the standard application form must be expressed in US Dollars (USD).

The opening hours of the contracting authority is 8:00 am to 5:00pm Monday to Thursday, and 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.